

Aiken City Council Minutes

November 23, 1998

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Mayor Cavanaugh, Councilmembers Anaclerio, Clyburn, Papouchado, Perry and Radford.

Absent: Councilwoman Price

Others Present: Steve Thompson, Bill Huggins, Gary Smith, Richard Pearce, Roger LeDuc, and Sara Ridout.

Mayor Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. and stated Council needed to go into executive session to discuss the electric franchise, a contractual matter regarding the airport, and the purchase of property in the downtown area.

Councilman Perry moved, seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved, that Council go into executive session to discuss the items mentioned by the Mayor. After discussion Councilman Radford moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved that Council adjourn the executive session. Council then held a work session and discussed proposed appointments to various boards and commissions, a proposal from the Aiken Corporation that Council approve the purchase of an option on some property on Newberry Street for the Community Playhouse, and an appointment to the Aiken 20/20 Corporation.

REGULAR MEETING

Present: Mayor Cavanaugh, Councilmembers Anaclerio, Clyburn, Papouchado, Perry, Price and Radford.

Others Present: Steve Thompson, Gary Smith, Bill Huggins, Ed Evans, Carrol Busbee, Anita Lilly, Terry Rhinehart, Stanley Quarles, Roger LeDuc, Richard Pearce, Sara Ridout, Tom Smith of the Aiken Standard, Margaret O'Shea of the Augusta Chronicle, and 11 citizens.

Mayor Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M. Steve Thompson led in prayer which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The minutes of the regular meeting of November 9, 1998, and the special meeting of November 17, 1998, were considered for approval. Councilwoman Papouchado moved that the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION

Resignation  
City Manager  
Thompson, Steve

Mayor Cavanaugh stated the city was losing Steve Thompson, City Manager, who was going to Greenville as City Manager. He pointed out the city had held a reception for the community to tell Mr. Thompson bye. He said Mr. Thompson had done so much for the city and many improvements and innovations had been made under his leadership. Mayor Cavanaugh presented a plaque with a Key to the City to Mr. Thompson for his service from January 11, 1982 to November 27, 1998, as Assistant Finance Director, Assistant City Manager and City Manager for eight years.

Mr. Thompson thanked Council for their support during his service with the City of Aiken.

Councilwoman Clyburn moved that Council regretfully accept Mr. Thompson's resignation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved.

ANNEXATION - ORDINANCE 112398

Lowe's (Old)  
Whiskey Road 2530  
S.C. 19 S.  
TPN 00-158.0-01-212

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for the second reading and public hearing on an ordinance to annex the site formerly occupied by Lowe's store on the east side of Whiskey Road immediately adjacent to the new Lowe's store.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AIKEN CERTAIN PROPERTY CONSISTING OF 11.87 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, INC. AND LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 19, BEING THE SITE OF THE BUILDING FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY LOWE'S AND BEING KNOWN AS TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBER 00-158.0-01-212 AND TO ZONE THE SAME NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS (NB).

Mr. Thompson stated the city has received a request that the city annex the former Lowe's facility located on Whiskey Road. The development of the new Lowe's site, and subsequent annexation of that site, also required that the developers submit the old site for annexation. The petition before Council will annex the old Lowe's. In the Planning Commission's discussion on this project, the Planning Commission has recommended that the city and the developer work together to improve landscaping on the site, and as conditions on this annexation the Planning Commission has recommended that the crepe myrtles along Whiskey Road frontage not be pruned except lightly, and that additional trees be planted wherever possible. One question that was developed at the first reading of this ordinance concerned interior landscape islands, and these conditions do not include a requirement that the developer install interior landscape islands.

The public hearing was held and no one spoke.

Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that the ordinance be passed on second and final reading to annex 11.87 acres, the site of the old Lowe's store with the conditions recommended by the Planning Commission, and that the ordinance become effective immediately.

PURCHASING - ORDINANCE

Procurement  
Bid Procedure  
Local Vendor Preference

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for second reading and public hearing on an ordinance to amend the city procurement code.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V. OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF AIKEN TO AMEND THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT CODE TO CHANGE THE BID APPROVAL PROCEDURES AND TO ALLOW FOR A LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE IN AWARDING BIDS.

Mr. Thompson stated that for some time City Council has looked at the issue of local preference and the staff had suggested some wording to incorporate this in the city's purchasing policies. He said this was an issue addressed by a study committee about two years ago. The study committee was unable to resolve the issue. There were concerns about whether to do a local preference inside the city only, inside Aiken County or a combination. The staff has made recommendations to Council on this issue.

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council had discussed continuing this ordinance to the next regular meeting of Council as the Aiken Business Alliance wanted to discuss the matter among their group and poll their members for an opinion on the proposed ordinance.

Councilman Perry moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that Council continue this ordinance to the next regular meeting of Council.

ANNEXATION - ORDINANCE 112398A

Augustus Drive  
U.S. 1 South  
Gregg Avenue  
Richland Avenue W.

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for second reading and public hearing on an ordinance to annex the street right of way for Augustus Drive.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AIKEN CERTAIN PROPERTY CONSISTING OF AUGUSTUS DRIVE, STATE SECONDARY ROAD S-2-1154.

Mr. Thompson stated properties on Augustus Drive have individually annexed into the City of Aiken, and we now need to annex the street.

Generally we try to annex the street at the same time that we annex contiguous properties, but due to the piecemeal approach of annexing different properties along Augustus Drive, we now need to have a separate ordinance annexing the street. The State Department of Transportation has approved the annexation of this street, and this serves as the owner's petition for the property.

The public hearing was held and no one spoke.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that the ordinance be passed on second and final reading approving the annexation of Augustus Drive into the City of Aiken and that the ordinance become effective immediately.

ANNEXATION - ORDINANCE

Silver Bluff Road 615  
Jordan, Anna  
Dougherty Road  
TPN 00-134.0-01-001

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for annexation of 615 Silver Bluff Road.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AIKEN CERTAIN PROPERTY CONSISTING OF 5.5 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY ANNA JORDAN AND LOCATED AT 615 SILVER BLUFF ROAD, BEING KNOWN AS TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBER 00-134.0-01-001 AND TO ZONE THE SAME MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-2).

Mr. Thompson stated the city has received a request from Ms. Anna Jordan, owner of the property at 615 Silver Bluff Road, for annexation of her home and property into the City of Aiken. This has been reviewed by the Planning Commission, and is recommended for approval.

Ms. Jordan has requested annexation into the R-2 zone to allow her to rent three vacant apartments that she has on her property. Based on the zoning of adjacent land and other uses in this area, this would not be an incompatible use of the property.

Councilwoman Papouchado moved, seconded by Councilman Radford and unanimously approved, that the ordinance be passed on first reading annexing the property at 615 Silver Bluff Road with R-2 Multi-Family zoning and that second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

ANNEXATION - ORDINANCE

Dogwood Road  
Two Notch Road  
Boardman Road  
TPN 30-055.0-05-005  
TPN 30-056.0-01-009; 010; 011; 012; 014; 015  
TPN 30-056.0-02-001; 002; 003; 004; 005; 006; 007; 008; 009; 017

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for first reading to annex 17 lots along Dogwood Road and Two Notch Road.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AIKEN CERTAIN PROPERTY CONSISTING OF SEVENTEEN (17) LOTS AND 6.4 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY SEVERAL OWNERS AND LOCATED ON DOGWOOD ROAD AND TWO NOTCH ROAD AND BEING KNOWN AS TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBERS 30-056.0-02-003, 30-056.0-02-002, 30-056.0-02-001, 30-055.0-05-005, 30-056.0-01-014, 30-056.0-02-009, 30-056.0-02-017, 30-056.0-01-015, 30-056.0-01-009, 30-056.0-01-010, 30-056.0-01-011, 30-056.0-01-012, 30-056.0-02-008, 30-056.0-02-007, 30-056.0-02-006, 30-056.0-02-005, AND 30-056.0-02-004 AND TO ZONE THE SAME SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1).

Mr. Thompson stated City Council has received a request for annexation from property owners along Dogwood Road and Two Notch Road, and this has been reviewed by the Planning Commission and recommended for approval.

We have a large number of property owners facing Dogwood and Two Notch Roads requesting annexation. These property owners are primarily interested in sewer service and leaf collection in this area. The Annexation Study Committee has been working with these volunteers to develop a petition and to bring this property into the city, and we have been working with these residents and volunteers to do so.

One of the owners of these lots has chosen not to sign the annexation petition, and with the location of this lot this would create a donut hole and would be a real problem for us on service. We are recommending that City Council bring this property into the city with this annexation.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that the ordinance annexing 17 lots along Dogwood Road and Two Notch Road with zoning as R-1 Single Family Residential be passed on first reading and that second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

#### ANNEXATION - ORDINANCE

Two Notch Road

Palm Drive

Hammond Drive

TPN 30-056.0-07-002; 007; 008; 009; 010

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for first reading to annex five lots near the intersection of Two Notch Road and Hammond Drive.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AIKEN CERTAIN PROPERTY CONSISTING OF FIVE (5) LOTS AND 1.85 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY SEVERAL OWNERS AND LOCATED ON TWO NOTCH ROAD AND HAMMOND DRIVE AND BEING KNOWN AS TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBERS 30-056.0-07-002, 30-056.0-07-007, 30-056.0-07-008, 30-056.0-07-009, AND 30-056.0-07-010, AND TO ZONE THE SAME SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1 and R-1B).

Mr. Thompson stated City Council has received a request for annexation from property owners with property fronting on Two Notch Road and on Palm Drive, and this ordinance would approve this annexation under the R-1 and R1-B zones. Tax Parcel Number 30-056.0-07-007 would be zoned R-1B.

One of the property owners, Mr. Elmo Percle, of 1408 Two Notch Road, has chosen not to sign the annexation agreement, and we are recommending that City Council bring Mr. Percle's property in as part of this process. You will recall that our commitment with the annexation program is that we would avoid creating additional "donut holes", or property surrounded by the City, and Mr. Percle's property is located right in the center of the property under consideration for annexation.

The Planning Commission reviewed this, and has recommended annexation of all of the property included in the petition including the annexation of Mr. Percle's property. Under state law, this is allowed, and although there were comments from one Planning Commission member that this would be a takings issue, state law is very clear on this issue and does allow the City to bring in other properties adjacent to properties interested in annexation. The intent is to allow cities to close these "donut holes", and to keep a small

group of property owners from blocking other residents from coming into the City and from obtaining City services. As a policy issue we assume that Council is interested in bringing these properties into the City, and the annexation of Mr. Percle's property is very clear cut.

Councilman Radford moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that the ordinance annexing five lots near the intersection of Two Notch Road and the unopened portion of Hammond Drive under the R-1 and R-1B zones be passed on first reading and second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

ANNEXATION - ORDINANCE

Woodward Street  
Sherry Street  
TPN 30-055.0-06-011  
TPN 30-055.0-07-004 and 005  
TPN 30-055.0-08-001 and 002

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for first reading to annex five lots near the intersection of Woodward and Sherry Streets.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AIKEN CERTAIN PROPERTY CONSISTING OF FIVE (5) LOTS AND 3 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY SEVERAL OWNERS AND LOCATED ON WOODWARD STREET AND SHERRY STREET, BEING KNOWN AS TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBERS 30-055.0-06-011, 30-055.0-07-004, 30-055.0-07-005, 30-055.0-08-001, AND 30-055.0-08-002, AND TO ZONE THE SAME SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE (R-1).

Mr. Thompson stated the city has received a petition for annexation of five lots near the intersection of Woodward Street and Sherry Street. This annexation has been reviewed by the Planning Commission, and is recommended under R-1 zoning.

Quite often demand for a particular City service drives an annexation petition, but in this instance these property owners are simply interested in all of the services of the City. You do have 100% of the property owners requesting annexation, and all lots meet or exceed the minimum lot size for the R-1 zone.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that the ordinance annexing five lots on Woodward and Sherry Streets with R-1 Single Family Residential zoning be passed on first reading and second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

ANNEXATION - ORDINANCE

Rosemary Drive  
Georgeann Lane  
Silver Bluff Road  
Williams Drive  
TPN 30-035.0-06-013; 014; 020; 021; 022; 023  
TPN 30-035.0-08-003; 004; 005; 013

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for Council's consideration to annex 10 lots along Rosemary Drive and Georgeann Lane.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AIKEN CERTAIN PROPERTY CONSISTING OF TEN (10) LOTS AND 3.3 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY SEVERAL OWNERS AND LOCATED ON ROSEMARY DRIVE AND GEORGEANN LANE AND BEING KNOWN AS TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBERS 30-035.0-06-020, 30-035.0-06-021, 30-035.0-06-014, 30-035.0-06-013, 30-035.0-06-022, 30-035.0-06-023, 30-035.0-08-003, 30-035.0-08-004, 30-035.0-08-013, AND 30-035.0-8-005 AND TO ZONE THE SAME SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1A).

Mr. Thompson stated the city has received a request for annexation for a total of ten lots on Rosemary Drive and Georgeann Lane. This annexation request has been reviewed by the Planning Commission, and the Commission has recommended against approval. As you know, the Planning Commission is an advisory board

on these issues, and for your consideration this is an ordinance approving the annexation of these ten lots.

The Annexation Study Committee has been working with many residents throughout this area, and part of the confusion of the Planning Commission was over the annexation process, and the rights of property owners through this process. As you know, we initially contact the property owners in a very large area, and ask that they respond as to whether or not they are interested in annexation. Based on that response, we try to narrow our focus down to an area that is manageable and "makes sense" for the City to annex. In the Rosemary Drive and Georgeann Lane area, we have several residents that are very interested in annexation, primarily due to the failing of septic tanks in this neighborhood. The houses were all built at approximately the same time, and many of these septic tanks are failing. The City's policy is to extend sewer service only to properties within the City.

Two property owners out of the 10 are opposed to annexation, and you may have received calls from these property owners on this issue. The issue that concerned the Planning Commission was that there was some misunderstanding about the location of the lots under consideration. Apparently some members of the Planning Commission felt that by annexing the configuration that we have proposed that we are creating a "donut hole" at the end of the cul-de-sac on Georgeann Lane, but that is not the case. Also the properties owned by the two owners objecting to this annexation, including the homes owned by Mr. and Mr. Grooms and Mr. Ross, effectively block other properties from receiving City services if they do not come into the city.

Councilman Perry moved, seconded by Mayor Cavanaugh, that Council abide by the recommendation of the Planning Commission and not pass the proposed ordinance on first reading. He said he felt the proposed annexation violates the spirit of the 75% rule.

Councilwoman Papouchado stated she did not understand the logic because another ordinance had been approved on first reading which had a property owner opposed to annexation. She also pointed out the majority of the residents need city services and want to annex.

Councilman Perry pointed out the 75% rule was to bring in entire neighborhoods, but he pointed out the proposed annexation picks and chooses in order to get 75% of the property owners. He said he had no objection to the other residents annexing, but he wanted to leave out the two families that do not want to annex.

Mayor Cavanaugh called for a vote on the motion to deny the annexation. The motion was approved by a vote of four in favor and three opposed. In favor was Mayor Cavanaugh and Councilmembers Clyburn, Price and Perry. Opposed were Councilmembers Anaclerio, Papouchado and Radford. The proposed annexation was denied.

Councilwoman Papouchado expressed concern about not letting the ordinance go through due process to have the public hearing. She was concerned about the intent of Council and the intent of the Annexation Study Committee for proposed annexations.

#### REZONING - ORDINANCE

Hampton Avenue  
Union Street  
Fox, Elizabeth  
TPN 30-068.0-04-011

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for Council's consideration to rezone property at the southwest corner of Hampton Avenue and Union Street from R-2 Multi-Family to NB Neighborhood Business.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWESTERN CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF HAMPTON AVENUE AND UNION STREET, TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBER 30-068.0-04-011, FROM MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-2) TO NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS (NB).

Mr. Thompson stated City Council has received a request from a property owner asking that the city approve rezoning of a tract of .26 acres from R-2

Multi-Family Residential to NB Neighborhood Business. This has been reviewed by the Planning Commission, and is recommended for denial. As you know, the Planning Commission is an advisory body on these issues, and this is presented to City Council for final consideration.

The owner, Ms. Elizabeth Fox, has asked that the city rezone this property due to her inability to rent the property as a single family dwelling. Ms. Fox feels that the heavy traffic in the area discourages single family residential units along Hampton Avenue. The Planning Commission has been concerned that a Neighborhood Business zone in this area would lead to a much more intense commercial environment on Hampton Avenue, and thought that this would hurt the neighborhood.

Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Councilman Perry and unanimously approved, that the ordinance to rezone property at the southwest corner of Hampton Avenue and Union Street from R-2 Multi-Family Residential to NB Neighborhood Business be denied.

#### OUTDOOR CAFES - ORDINANCE

Restaurants  
Permit  
Sidewalks  
Downtown  
Cafes, Outdoor  
Central Business District

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for Council's consideration to amend the Outdoor Cafe Ordinance to change the effective dates of the permits.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

#### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 101298B CHANGING THE EFFECTIVE DATES OF OUTDOOR CAFE PERMITS.

Mr. Thompson stated that in October, 1998, City Council adopted an ordinance allowing outdoor cafes on the public right-of-ways in Aiken's downtown. He stated the dates of the permit that we issue need to be changed to coincide with the City's fiscal year.

With the approval of the outdoor cafe ordinance, the permits were to be issued on a calendar year, but our business licenses and other permits issued by the City are all issued on a fiscal year, starting on July 1 of each year. The staff is recommending that Council modify the ordinance to shift this date to July 1.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved that Council pass on first reading an ordinance changing the effective dates of the outdoor cafe permits to coincide with the City's fiscal year and that second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

#### PARKS - ORDINANCE

Hours  
Recreation Department  
Parking Lots

Mayor Cavanaugh stated an ordinance had been prepared for Council's consideration to change the closing hours for parks and recreation areas.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

#### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15-1 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF AIKEN TO MODIFY CLOSING HOURS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS AND ADD THE OFFENSE OF ENTERING PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS AFTER CLOSING HOURS.

Mr. Thompson stated occasionally we have problems in some of the city's parking lots and park areas with visitors using the parks well after the effective closing time. Richard Pearce and our staff have reviewed this, and are recommending that City Council change the closing hours for parks and recreation areas.

In the past, parks were open until a posted time, but we are recommending that the parks be closed between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 A.M., unless there are other hours posted. It is felt that this should help us with the enforcement of loitering issues in some of the city parks.

Councilwoman Papouchado moved, seconded by Mayor Cavanaugh and unanimously approved, that the ordinance closing the city's parks, parking lots, and other recreation areas of the city between 12 midnight and 6 A.M., unless other hours are posted be passed on first reading and second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

#### PLAYHOUSE

##### Purchase Option

##### Aiken Downtown Development Association

##### Aiken Community Playhouse

##### Newberry Street

##### Request for Funds

##### Property

##### Option

##### Mark II Theatre

##### Aiken Corporation

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council had received a request for funding for a property purchase option.

Mr. Thompson stated as City Council is aware, the Aiken Downtown Development Association has been considering ways to help the Aiken Community Playhouse move into the downtown area. The Aiken Corporation has suggested that the City help with this effort by taking an option on the purchase of the Mark II Theatre facing Newberry Street. This would allow the Aiken Corporation to work with the Aiken Community Playhouse and with City Council on deciding whether or not this purchase is attractive to the Corporation and to the Playhouse. The Corporation has suggested that the option be broken into two increments. The first would be \$6,000 for the first three months of the option with an additional \$6,000 if the three additional months are needed for the process. Also, \$500 has been included for a similar option on nearby property presently being used as a parking lot. The intent is to have this as a loan to the Aiken Corporation. If the project moves forward, then the Aiken Corporation would repay the loan. The Aiken Corporation has also discussed if the decision could be made at an early date that the option could possibly be sold to one of the other businesses interested in the property. Approval of the option would give City Council, the Aiken Corporation and the Community Playhouse the opportunity to review this issue and to decide whether to move forward with the development of the Mark II Theatre for a performance theatre in downtown Aiken.

Councilman Perry moved, seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved, that the city loan the Aiken Corporation up to \$12,000 to option the Mark II property and \$500 to option property owned by Ms. Margaret Holley.

#### BIDS

##### Uniforms

##### Public Safety Department

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider the bids for uniforms for the Public Safety Department.

Mr. Thompson stated the city purchases uniforms for use in the Public Safety Department, and the staff is recommending acceptance of the low bid of Century Uniform and Safety, out of Wilmington, North Carolina.

This bid is for uniforms for a term of two years, and includes shirts, shoes, buckles, badges, and different parts of the uniform.

We received a total of four bids on this purchase, and the low bid was submitted by Century Uniform and Safety. We are satisfied that the uniforms should meet our specifications, and funds are available in the budget for this purchase. The bids received were as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Price</u>
Century Uniform and Safety-Wilmington, NC	\$54,842.50
SCAGS Public Safety Uniforms & Equipment, Charlotte, NC	56,463.50
National Police Supply-Charlotte, NC	56,483.04
Wright-Johnston Uniforms, Inc.-Columbia, SC	60,441.00

Mr. Thompson stated purchase of uniforms is a budgeted item.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved that Council approve the low bid of Century Uniform and Safety, with a total bid of \$54,842.50 for the purchase of Public Safety uniforms.

#### PENSION COMMITTEE

##### Retirement

Pearce, Richard

##### Appointment

Busbee, Carrol

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider an appointment to the Pension Committee.

Mr. Thompson stated the Pension Committee of the City is made up of employees covered by the City's pension plan. Primarily the issues are to help to move forward changes to the Pension Plan as recommended to City Council and to approve individual retirements through the city's pension system. With the retirement of Chief Carrol Busbee, there will be an opening on the committee, and the staff is recommending appointment of Richard Pearce to this committee.

Pension Committee members do not serve a set term, but are appointed to serve on the committee by City Council. The other members of the committee include Barbara Hamilton, the City Treasurer, Anita Lilly, the Finance Director, and the City Manager.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that Council appoint Richard Pearce to the City Pension Committee to replace Carrol Busbee who will be retiring in a few months.

#### AIKEN 20/20 CORPORATION

##### Appointment

City Manager

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider adding an item to the agenda. He said the matter would be an appointment to the Aiken 20/20 Corporation.

Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that Council add appointment of a member to the Aiken 20/20 Corporation to the agenda.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved, that Council make appointment of the position of City Manager as a permanent representative of the City of Aiken on the Aiken 20/20 Corporation so if City Managers change Council will not have to make another appointment but the person being City Manager would be the representative of the city.

#### STREET NAME

Sandpenny Lane

Chloe Lane

Christopher Downs Phase II Subdivision

Road Name

Bedford Place

Sandstone

Aiken Mall

Whiskey Road

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider changing of a street name in the Christopher Downs Phase II Subdivision.

Mr. Thompson stated during the development of the Christopher Downs Phase II Subdivision, the developers submitted a provisional road name of Sandpenny

Lane, and now the developer has asked that the name be officially changed to Chloe Lane. The Planning Commission has reviewed this and recommends approval of the name change to Chloe Lane.

The developer states that Sandpenny Lane was always intended as a provisional name, and that he now has several pending sales contracts referencing this street as Chloe Lane. The name Chloe Lane has been approved by the Aiken County 911 System, and no homes have been completed or occupied on this street.

Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved, that Council approve the changing of Sandpenny Lane to Chloe Lane as requested.

#### COUNCIL MEETING

December, 1998

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to consider the meeting schedule for December.

Mr. Thompson stated the regular meeting of City Council would normally be scheduled for Monday, December 28, 1998, and City Council's practice in the past has been to cancel the meeting between Christmas and New Year's Day. He asked Council to consider whether to hold only a single meeting, on December 14, 1998, and cancel the December 28 meeting.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that Council adopt a December meeting schedule, holding a meeting on December 14 and cancelling the December 28, 1998, meeting.

#### CARLISLE TIRE AND WHEEL CO.

Fire  
Public Safety Department  
Public Works Department

Councilwoman Papouchado stated she would like to commend Chief Busbee, the Department of Public Safety, the Public Works Department and all of the other fire stations who came to assistance in dealing with the terrible fire at Carlisle Tire and Wheel Co.

#### FARMERS MARKET

Young, Frances

Terry Rhinehart mentioned that Frances Young, the manager for the Farmers Market for 17 years had passed away. Council asked that a proclamation be prepared in memory of Ms. Young's service to the Farmers Market.

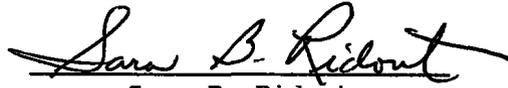
#### WATER

Fire  
Carlisle Tire and Wheel

Roger LeDuc, Public Works Director, gave Council a brief report on the water situation caused by the fire at Carlisle Tire. He reported that a tremendous amount of water, between 1 to 3 million gallons of water per day, has been used to try to contain the fire. He said the water runoff from the area has traveled several miles and gotten into the Shaws Creek area which feeds a good portion of the north side of the City of Aiken. He said because of the taste and smell of the water which has been caused by the runoff from the fire from Carlisle Tire and Wheel an advisory was released to the public on the north side advising them to obtain some alternate drinking water either through bottled water or through a portable water supply at several locations in the city. He pointed out that the first test results on the water have shown that there is no significant problems with the water. He said, however, they are continuing to do some tests and those results will be available in a few days. He said it appears that everything is okay.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.



Sara B. Ridout  
City Clerk